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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL - KAGNEW FOUR

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1. BRITISH COUNSELOR HERE TELLS US THAT IN WAKE OF STATEMENT IN BAGHDAD THAT KIDNAPPED BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL BURWOOD-TAYLOR IN ASMARA WOULD BE RELEASED IN TWO WEEKS (REFTEL), CONTACT IN BEIRUT HAS "CONFIRMED" THAT THIS IS INSURGENTS INTENTION. CONTACT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT KIDNAPPING HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FACT THAT BURWOOD-TAYLOR WAS HONORARY BRITISH CONSUL, BUT RATHER BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION WITH GELATLY-HANKEY COMPANY. CONTACT APPARENTLY OFFERED NO FURTHER EXPLANATION SO BRITISH HERE ARE SPECULATING THAT IF THIS CORRECT, REASON FOR KIDNAPPING MAY BE THAT GELATLY-HANKEY HAS BEEN REFUSING CONTRIBUTE TO INSURGENT CAUSE. COUNSELOR SAID CONTACT REPRESENTED PLF, THUS CONFIRMING INDICATIONS BRITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING OVER PAST TWO WEEKS THAT PLF IS IN FACT HOLDING BURWOOD-TAYLOR.

2. COUNSELOR SAID THAT THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONTACTS WITH
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PLF IN JIDDA. SAME MESSAGE THAT BURWOOD-TAYLOR MAY BE RELEASED

SOON IS BEING PLAYED BACK TO THEM THERE ALONG WITH INDICATIONS
THAT TWO AMERICANS (PRESUMABLY CISCO TWO) WILL ALSO BE RELEASED.

3. GELATLY-HANKEY SOURCE HERE TOLD US NOV. 20 THAT MRS.
BURWOOD-TAYLOR WHO IS CURRENTLY IN ADDIS, HAS RECEIVED TWO
LETTERS FROM HER HUSBAND, ONE MORE THAN WE KNEW ABOUT. HE DID
NOT KNOW CONTENTS OF EITHER ONE, BUT SAID THAT SHE IS IN VERY
GOOD SPIRITS.
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